

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

The Examiner is invited to amend the title of the invention by Examiner's Amendment by adding the word - - hygienic - - before the title

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 21 are pending in this application. Claims 1 through 10 have been allowed. Claims 12 through 16 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the claims from which they depend. The title of the invention has been objected to as being nondescriptive. The Examiner has been invited to amend the title by Examiner's Amendment.

Claims 11 and 17 through 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bilewitz in view of Knight. Claim 21 has also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of the above references and further in view of Nergard. The rejection under Section 103 is traversed.

Independent Claim 11 is directed to a selectively openable lid for a drinking vessel having hygienic features. The principal feature recited in Claim 11 is the lid, which has two opposable pieces, a base member having a substantially closed floor region defining upper and lower surfaces and drinking and venting apertures, and a separate circular cap member for rotational engagement with the base member. The cap member defines a depressed drinking basin having upper and lower surfaces and drinking and venting apertures which are positioned and sized so as to correspond to the drinking and venting apertures on the base member. Finally, means for sealing the cap and base members so as